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Friday(ish) Flash – 18th November 2011

Welcome all, in this edition:

- xmas lunch
- Wilton's bits
- Finally – Christie Cup

TENNIS XMAS LUNCH AT CAROLINE'S CELTIC

Tuesday December 13th at 12 o'clock. If you would like to join us please put your name on the list in the control room by 6th December or ring Dawn Wright 3421868

WILTON'S BITS

XMAS Coaching Camp

21st, 22nd, 23rd of December, sign up at jeremy_pigou@hotmail.com. JD tennis is running this camp open to all ages and abilities and will be a mix of fun and professional coaching. It will be an awesome 3 days.

Junior Reps

The teams are training well and we have another one this Sunday between 12 and 2. We will need a parent as team captain for each of the age groups
Plates- a plate of slice, biscuit, cake etc should be brought by each family playing.

Monday Coaching With Leanne

After school for all primary school aged children, 3.30-5pm Monday.

Friday Coaching and Match Play

3.30-5pm for all secondary school aged kids with Pete Reid and Leanne

Saturday Junior Match Play With Sam Butters

Open to both Primary and Secondary and school ages 9am till 11am get along for practice and matches.

Tip of the Week

Learn the Kick Serve/topsin serve

- it gives more net clearance and therefore margin for error
- eliminates double faults

- allows for more racquet head speed/more aggressive 2nd serves
- doesn't break down under pressure due to high racquet head speed
- it allows more time for you to get closer to the net when serve volleying
- can be used as a weapon or to keep opponent off balance.
- same grip as flat and slice serves

How to

- continental grip
- can throw the ball slightly to the right or keep normal ball toss for disguise
- normal backswing but let the racquet drop behind your head so you can hit up the back of the ball (from 6 O'clock up to 12 O'clock, or from 7 O'clock to 1 O'clock. This is how you get the topspin
- hit up and out on follow through
- Sign up for a Lesson with Jeremy and Nick

FINALLY

There was a great turnout at Feilding last Sunday to witness an epic struggle between Wanganui and Manawatu teams. At stake was the Christie Cup, and it was Wanganui's best chance in many years to take home the prize.

The format was 24 matches – 12 singles, 6 doubles and 6 mixed, and Wanganui needed to win at least 13 of them to snatch the cup from our neighbours. After the singles rubbers, in which both Kyle Butters and Paige Hourigan surprisingly went down, Palmy was in total control 9 matches to 3. The doubles were next and although Wanganui closed the gap to 11-7, a cup win still seemed an unlikely prospect as no more matches could be conceded. Only the mixed doubles were left and as each match finished, a seemingly lost cause became a possibility, as Wanganui won game after game until, incredibly, they led 12-11 with one match to play. Danielle Pearce and Shane Stanfield took the first set and a fairytale upset was on the cards, but they lost the next two and Palmerston North retained the trophy. Unfortunately, on a countback of sets, Wanganui would have won but it was matches that counted.

Special thanks go to Kevin Neil for providing a mountain of food and drink for the Wanganui faithful. Michael Cronin and I bravely tried to make sure none was wasted but even our gargantuan appetites could not do justice to the veritable smorgasbord that Kevin supplied.

Thanks of course go to all the Wanganui players who did the town and the club proud and almost pulled off the most unlikely of victories.

Enjoy your tennis.

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